



Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club



THE FIRST 50 YEARS

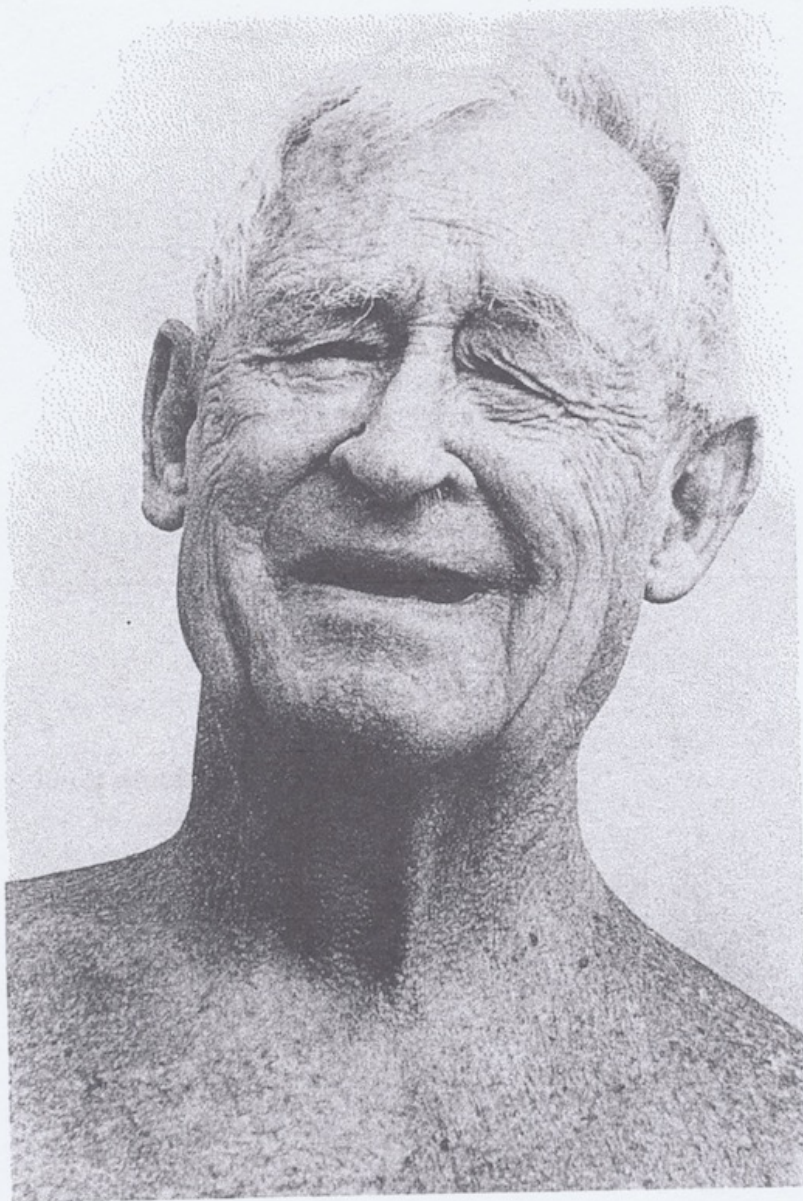
PREFACE

This is the history of the first 50 years of Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club. It is a story begun in 1950 by a small group of returned servicemen bonded by a unique mateship, born not only of shared hardships & experiences but also by the joy of living & a shared love of swimming & competing. Those unique qualities and those close personal friendships have been handed down to all those who have followed. It continues to permeate the club to-day.

We salute their dedication and thank them for the legacy they have left to those of us fortunate enough to have been handed the mantle to carry forward into the future.

Researched and compiled
by Reg Nicholson.

THE GRAND OLD MAN OF SWIMMING.



KEN MILLAR.

Foundation and Life Member

Club President 1953-58

Club Patron 1959-7

CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

CLUB COMPETITION DAY

SUNDAY MORNING ROLLUP



CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB
Gunnamalita Bay Pool - January 1998

BACK ROW: S JOHNSTONE, S SOARS, J HANNAN, G RUSSELL, L MINTY, K WEBB, K COX, P BITMEAD, B RUSSELL,
V BROWN, R GINGER, D McPHERSON, E HILZINGER, E WOOD, N STENHOUSE, G HILLEARD.

MIDDLE ROW: L. WOODLAND, J. SILVA, G WILLIAMS, J COX, B FARLIE, J BROWNJOHN, A CAMERON, S CAMERON, B WHITNEY, B RYAN,
B BROWNJOHN, O COULTER, J KIRKLAND, K JOHNSON

FRONT ROW: P CAVANAGH, K ELDER, T THOMPSON, R HUGHES, M COSTELLO, L CAVANAGH, P ROONEY, T KNIGHT, C WISHART, B
DALY, L NELSON, R COLLINS, A LONGMAN, R NICHOLSON, G PITT.

“Gunnamatta” an aboriginal place name for “a place of beach and sandhills”

HONOUR ROLL OF FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Sid Bates
John Brickwood
Bob Bridges
Owen Campbell
Bob Fleming
Angus Gibson
John Harvey
Les Hennessey
Bob Holcombe
Alan Holdsworth
Alan Howarth
Henry Hutchins
Wal King
Frank Lawless
Ken Millar
Bob Miller
Jack Munro
John Myers
Brian McClenaughan
Terry McClenaughan
Em Newbury
Frank O’Sullivan
Doug Porter
Warwick Poulton
Bill Poulton
Tony Purcell
Jack Purcell
Chris Rigby
John Vincent

“Let they who now drink the water,
remember those who dug the well”
Proverb

**CRONULLA R.S.L. SWIMMING CLUB
(a history of the first 50 years)**

These days the existence of the many R.S.L. Swimming Clubs and Cronulla Club in particular is taken for granted. They are however, in historical terms, a relatively recent development. Records show that the first club was formed in 1929 when the Limbless Soldiers' Association formed a swimming club to assist members whose sporting activities were restricted because of their disabilities.. Up until 1935 this club alone arranged various carnivals for "Diggers" at venues at Manly, Bondi and Coogee . These carnivals are believed to have been the catalyst for the eventual formation of clubs at those three centres in 1935/6.

1936 saw the now four clubs hold their first Combined A.I.F carnival. Despite the fact that between 1936 and 1944 no new clubs were formed the carnivals continued to grow in size due to the increased membership of each of the four foundation clubs. Following the end of World War 2 there would be another 40 clubs formed.

In late 1948 Ken Millar an active member of Coogee/Randwick Club moved to Cronulla. He saw the potential for a club here. Others too were of a like mind. It fell to Frank Lawless, Cronulla Memorial Club's sports captain to issue a challenge to the very strong and well established Coogee/Randwick club to a ten-a-side relay. The race took place in the Cronulla rock pool (then a 50 yard pool) on 25th January 1950. Coogee won but Cronulla made them earn it. Historically that race marked the beginning of Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club. The die had been cast!. The members were committed! However it would take almost 12 months before " the formalities" would be completed.

It was Tony Purcell, John Brickwood and Allan Howarth who initiated the next step by convening a meeting in the old RSL Club in the since demolished 'Cecil Ballroom' building on Sunday morning 24th December 1950. The meeting approved the formation of the Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club. Tony Purcell was elected President and had able surf club associates elected to assist him. Elected were Wal King, Deputy President, John Brickwood Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Bridges Handicapper and Allan Howarth judge. Brian McClenaughan, John Harvey and John Myers were elected committeemen. Twenty nine (29) swimmers were to join that first year. Membership was open to R.S.L. members only. The club adopted "St. George District" colours of red and white with a shark emblem.

It was at this inaugural meeting that Ken Millar, still a member of Coogee/Randwick , affiliated with Cronulla and donated a magnificent trophy (symbolising the three services) for bi-annual competition between the two clubs. The format for the trophy changed from time to time over the years to meet changing circumstances but the competition and friendships thus begun have continued. The trophy still continues to be contested. An additional trophy called the "Dover Straits Shield" donated in 1998 by the renowned English Channel swimmer, Des Renford is now also contested on the same day.

In early 1951 , following the club's formation only a few months earlier, Henry Hutchins won the 110 yards championship at the A.I.F. Championships held at Coogee Aquarium. He was the first of many others from the Cronulla club to distinguish themselves at the Championships during the next 50 years. He was to win many more himself. Apart from his considerable swimming ability Henry gave outstanding service to the Club's administration right up until his death in 1997. He was both a foundation member and life member.

He held a position as an office bearer for 47 of his 48 years membership of the Club and held the position as Club Captain for a record 23 years.

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Henry became Patron of the club in 1979. A position he held until his death. During World War 2 he joined the Army. He gained his stripes as a physical training instructor. Later he was transferred to the 27th Battalion and saw service overseas at Lae, Wau and Bougainville. It was in Bougainville, when on patrol down the Ratu River with three mates, that his small craft struck a floating mine. Following a terrific explosion he found himself in the water and although still stunned sought the recovery of his companions. He saved two and brought them to shore. He was unable to find the third whose body was to be recovered days later. For this unselfish and courageous action Henry was “Mentioned in Dispatches”.

Henry Hutchins, in his dealings with others, often showed a gruff authoritarian exterior but was recognised for his loyal, caring and dependable qualities. He stood out amongst his peers and was much admired and respected by all. In 1995 the members of the Swimming Club presented him with a photograph of himself from earlier years to be hung in perpetuity in the Club House in recognition of his outstanding services.

Meantime Ken Millar was to become the “founding father figure” with the Club members. He had a profound influence in its early years. Born 20/10/1894 Ken enlisted as a private in World War 1. He sailed from Sydney on his birthday in 1914 and took part in the landing in Gallipoli in 1915. He was wounded, sent to Egypt to recover, returned to Gallipoli and was wounded again. He was then transferred (now Sergeant) to France where he was promoted to Lieutenant and then Captain. He was wounded again on two separate occasions. He was awarded the “Military Cross” in Poziers in 1916. In World War 2 he was called up as an officer and was transferred in the 7th Division to the Middle East. He returned to Australia in 1942.

Ken was a capable swimmer and notched up a number of wins in the 1st World War championship events at the annual A.I.F. Swimming Championships.

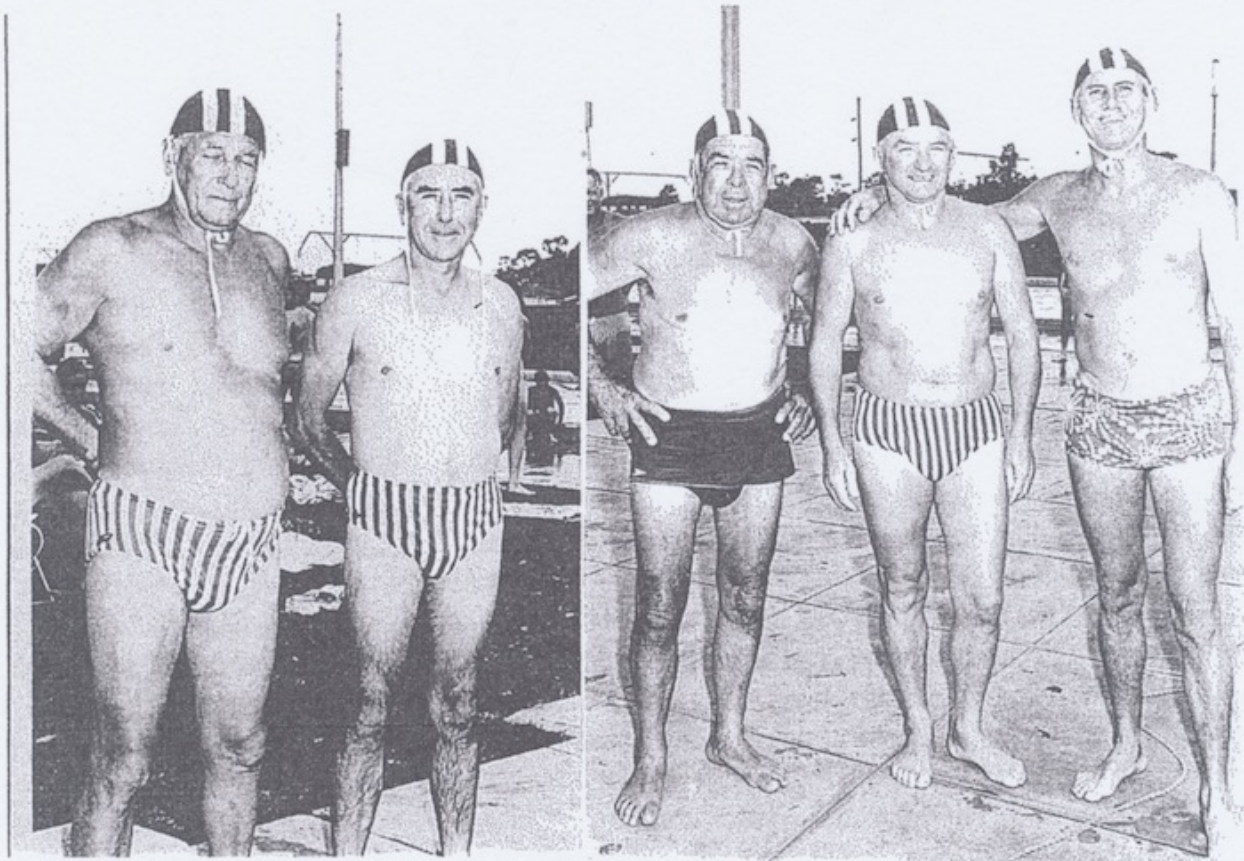
Ken held the position of Vice President in years 1951 and 1952, President from 1953 to 1958 and Patron from 1959 until 1978.

Another outstanding champion swimmer of the Club and one who also gave prolonged quality service as an administrator was Bill Brownjohn. Born on 10/3/1925 he spent his boyhood days in Bronte and at the age of 14 years joined Bronte Surf Club. In 1942 he became their Junior Surf Champion. A short time later (he was still 17 years) he enlisted in the Navy as a “stoker”. Bill was to see service on convoy duties on the HMAS Wagga throughout the South Pacific. He later served at HMAS Cerberus and then on HMAS Hobart. The Hobart participated in landings by American marines in the Philippines and later landings by Australians at Tarakan, Brunei Bay, Balikpapan and Wewak. At World War 2’s end the Hobart was to join the American fleet in Manila to accept the Japanese surrender. Bill later spent a short time in Japan as part of the occupation forces. He was discharged from the navy in 1946. He re-joined Bronte SLSC and resumed his swimming career. In 1948 Bill took up duties as an officer in the Fire Brigade. He and his family moved to GyMEA in 1954. He joined North Cronulla Surf Club. However Cronulla RSL Swimming Club officials quickly recognised talent and sought his membership. He has been one of its favoured sons ever since.

Apart from his RSL Swimming Club membership, Bill has also been a prominent member of Cronulla Polar Bears. But Bill has not only been an outstanding swimming champion competitor (see his record as a club Champion elsewhere) but a capable and conscientious club member prepared to roll up his sleeves and do whatever needs to be done to advance the welfare of his club. His record with the club has been - joined in 1955, Vice Captain 1958 - 67, President 1968 - 72, made life member 1973, Sports Council delegate 1975, Snr Vice President 1976, Jnr Vice President 1980 - 84, Race Secretary 1996 and Patron 1998 - 20



Club Flag with Bill Brownjohn (top), Henry Hutchins (bottom).



Circa 1970. Ray Prior, Ron Collins, George Shirt, Ted McCamley, Bruce Green.

Early records of Club activities are unfortunately scant. It is not until 1969-70 that we have been able to locate the appropriate records. In that year they report beating Coogee Randwick on their own ground for the Ken Millar Trophy. They lost the Jack Allen Trophy to the Repatriation Department “much to the joy of Deputy Commissioner Bruce Auld who kept the diving helmet in pride of place in his office.” They did well at the A.I.F. championships held at Blacktown. Individual placegetters were Bill Brownjohn, D.Larsen, Lin McLaren, H.Wilkie, Ken Millar and Jack Allen. They won two relays and were third in the overall point score. Newcastle were first with 26 points, Coogee second with 20 points and Cronulla third with 19 points. The Club travelled to Lismore by special train for the Country Championships. The Club gave a vote of thanks to its office bearers & workers. Their names all “household names” to those who joined many years later. They included Bill Brownjohn, Perce Mc Fadden, Bruce Green, Ron Collins, Merv Costello, Leo Massey, Ron Goode, Cid Lanser, Les Cavanagh, Curley Symonds, John Moore, Jack Harman, Ron Wilkinson, Bob Roche and Keith Nicholls. In the years that followed relatively few drop outs occurred. Office bearers would change regularly and these are recorded elsewhere as are the successful Club Championship winners.

In later years records report regular contests against Wellington, Grafion, Parkes, Dubbo, Moree, Repatriation Department, Coogee, Penshurst, Rose Bay and St. George Leagues Club.

In 1974 the Secretary reports the discovery of entertainment talent in the form of the Elder Family - a sort of older version of the “Partridge family” and Bruce Green who dazzled with his hypnotic eyeballs. That year the club visited Grafion, lost the Ken Millar Trophy to Coogee, won the Jack Allen Trophy and held a mini-carnival inviting clubs from Grafion, Lismore, Narrabri plus the local Sydney clubs.

In 1975 the club held its 25th Anniversary Dinner which was voted “tremendous success”. The Services Relay event was now a regular feature. Bob Haughey would create some atmosphere by playing his trombone as he led competitors on to the catwalk.

In March 1978 the club attained for the first time the coveted title of “Champion Club” at the National A.I.F. Championship titles. They were to follow up their success with wins again in 1979 and 1980. “A truly remarkable achievement reflecting the high standard of its executive and committee and the consistent support of members”. Ron North was to win the “Swimmer of the Year” at home in the club’s domestic competition.

In 1981 the Club finished second at the A.I.F. Championships to their old and respected rivals Coogee-Randwick. In doing so it won a total of 9 medals - still a magnificent achievement. Gold medals were won by Jack Brownjohn, Bill Brownjohn, Bob McKenna, Les Hennessey and Matt Morrison; Silver by Jack Allen, Ron North and Bronze by Bob McKenna, Cid Lanser and Barry Moore.

In 1982 the club again finished second at the National Titles even though on this occasion they had eleven individual medal winners and two team medal winners. On this occasion gold medals were won by Jack Brownjohn, Ken Elder, Ron North, Brian Russell and Murray Tindale; silver medals by Frank Carr, Les Hennessey, Bob McKenna (2) and Matt Morrison; and bronze to Henry Hutchins (2), Barry Kellaway and Murray Tindale.

1983 saw the first lady member, Barbara Rose, admitted to membership of the Club. It also saw the introduction of a season- long relay teams event in the club’s domestic competition. While suffering the usual growing pains the relay proved extremely popular and appealed to the competitive nature of members. Both of these events would prove significant in the club’s continuing evolution. The inaugural winning relay team was led by Bob Haughey. Others in the team were Les Biggart, Allen McMillan, Max Bond, Craig Vickers, Pat Rooney and Ron Collins.

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1984 saw the club run 3rd in the A.I.F Swimming Association of Australia's national - this time with thirteen individual medals and three for relays. Individual medalists were; Gold - Barry Moore (2), Jack Brownjohn, Wayne McDonald and Reg Nicholson ; Silver to Jack Allen, Bill Brownjohn (2), and Les Cochran ; Bronze to Alec Leal, Ron North. Matt Morrison and Brian Russell.

In 1985 the constitution was altered to change the club's colours from red and white to blue, white and black. The insignia remained as a shark. The year also marked the first time the Club conducted age championships and the 'Iron Man Trophy'. The last mentioned was donated by Charles Knight. The inaugural winner, Peter Goonpan.

In 1986 Helen Evans won the Club's first Gold medal by a lady member in a ladies' age event at the A.I.F. Swimming Association's Carnival.

Membership numbers reached 100 in 1987. It also saw the introduction of a long distance (800 m) race into the club's nonnal agenda. Considerable progress was made in adding to the club's amenities. A new flag was purchased.

The Club competed in the 1988 A.I.F Swimming Association's national championships at Twin Towns. It came second in the ladies' section and third in the overall point score. Individual medalists were :- Gold - Jack Allen, Jack Brownjohn, Tony Morissey and Helen Evans (in record time) & Silver to Helen's father - Joe Dillon in the 85 years and over.

In 1989 the club expanded its swimming events to Tuesday mornings to cater for its mainly retiree members known as the Gunnamatta Greys. The club lost the Ken Millar Trophy to Coogee. It was placed third in the A.I.F. Championships at Grafion.

A lady member, Heather McLaughlin, became the first lady to win an age group (18 - 29 years) in the Club's domestic Championships.

In 1990 the club had visits from Epping and Wellington Clubs. It competed in the A.I.F Championships at Twin Towns and again came third. This was the first occasion that the Championships had been held outside Sydney. Henry Hutchins won the 30m 75 - 79 years age group in 20.49 seconds and in doing so created a record.

By 1991 membership numbers had reached 110. The club won the Ken Millar and the Jack Allen Trophies. It came third again in the A.I.F. Championships held at Ashfield. Joe Dillon, Henry Hutchins and Helen Evans won their age championships there whilst Bill Butterfield, Debbie Jenkins, Reg Nicholson, Brendon Russell and Eric Hilzinger were placegetters. The "Brandy Balls" team won the club's relay competition for the fourth time in a row.

1992 was a difficult year for the club. The walk- way from the shore to the 50m pool collapsed and the Sutherland Council placed a ban upon the use of the pool whilst the pool's concrete structure was checked by its engineers for safety. The club decided to stay at Gunnamatta and improvised by swimming over new courses - around buoys, to the fence and back etc - and using deep water starts. Innovation was the name of the game. Everyone got a swim and under Bill Maker's presidency the spirit of the club members remained high. The club travelled to Gosford for its carnival and to Albury for the Victorian A.I.F Championships. It lost the Ken Millar Trophy race to Coogee. It competed in the A.I.F. Swimming Association's National championships held at Wentworthville. It came third again !! The Jack Allen Trophy was abandoned because of the baths' disaster.

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In 1993, the Council's continued ban on swimming at Gunnamatta, temporarily forced the club to change its main venue to Caringbah Public Pool. Contrary to expectations and forgetting the Eddie Bailey incident, the year was a successful one. The club entered teams in the St. George Dragon Shield, Gosford Carnival, the Victorian A.I.F. Championships at Albury and the A.I.F. National Championships at Banora Point where Jack Brownjohn won the 50 m, 60 - 64 age group, in the record time of 30.62 seconds. Others to gain places were Reg Nicholson, Lesley Woodland and Janne Robertson.

The club returned to its home base at Gunnamatta in time for the season 1993/94. Membership numbers continued to rise due to the increasing number of lady members and the success of the Gunnamatta Greys swim days. The 'Greys' flexed their muscles by hosting the South Metropolitan Winter Swimming Championships at Bondi Pool. The club also held a celebratory carnival to mark the 50th Anniversary of its mother club, the "Cronulla R.S.L. Memorial Club". Several foundation members, Henry Hutchins, John Vincent and Chris Rigby attended. Ten teams competed for the 10 a-side Jack Allen Trophy. The Club competed at the A.I.F. National Championships at Homsby and came third again. Gold medals went to Joe Dillon, Jack Brownjohn, Lyn Burbidge and Brendan Russell and Silver medals to Ron North, Reg Nicholson, Lesley Woodland and Glen Russell.

1995 saw membership numbers reach 132. The club regained the Ken Millar Trophy. Ken Millar's son, Ken, who followed the family tradition as auditor of the Memorial Club was the club's guest for the day to present the trophy to the winner but Coogee, (not anticipating defeat perhaps) forgot to bring the trophy so an appropriate hand-over was delayed. The Jack Allen Trophy night was again a great success. The 'Greys' competed in the South Metropolitan Titles at Bondi in July in which they scored a trifecta in the over 65 years championships - 1st place to Bob Woods with Don Tierney and Owen Coulter in second and third places. The Greys also competed in the Australian Winter Championships at Wollongong with a number of members and relay teams finishing in the top ten places. Special mention is given to the splendid supporting administrative roles given the 'Greys' by "Doc" Daly and Owen Coulter. The Club travelled to Grafton for the A.I.F. National Championships. Gold went to Jack Brownjohn, Brendon Russell and Lyn Burbidge (in the 50m, 50 - 54 years ladies event in the record time of 34.38 seconds), Silver went to Glen Russell (2) and bronze to Doug McPherson, Glen Russell and Joan Nelson. The Club converted the old "learn to swim" room into the ladies change and shower room. That year's annual presentation afternoon was titled "The Beachside Music Hall" spectacular, produced and directed, choreographed and M.C'd by our own, our verry own.... .. Bruce Green !!

The weather during the 1996 season was perhaps the worst on record but members continued to give good support. Water quality in the Bay was still a concern and in spite of continued representations to the appropriate quarters nothing tangible seemed to be taking place. During the year the Club competed at Gosford, Coogee and Albury. The A.I.F. Championships hosted by Gosford was a success. Jack Brownjohn (record time) and Lesley Woodland both won their respective age group races whilst Robyn Hughes and Libby Hassel filled the minor places.

The very first function of the 1997 season for the club was to conduct the Australian Winter Swimming Championships under the club's title "Gunnamatta Greys". It was voted an outstanding success. The club regained the Ken Millar Trophy. It attended the A.I.F. Championships at Southport. Third again! Jack Allen swept the pool in the over 80 age group. Glen and Brendon Russell and Jack Harman all swam well. The Jack Allen Trophy night was an outstanding success. The event had now taken on an "international flavour" with Sollie Stephens entering a team of Japanese lifesavers.

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1998 saw the adoption of a new constitution for the Club. It was a significant up-grading of the old one. The Jack Allen Trophy night was again an outstanding success with 120 swimmers competing. The club relay event has been getting better each year. Winner for the year in a closely contested season were the “Aqua Jets”. Barry Whitney won the “Swimmer of the Year” again!! The winter Thursday night swimming again proved popular with numbers attending continuing to rise.

In 1999, reports were beginning to filter through, that the various government bodies efforts to reduce pollution in Gunnamatta Bay were beginning to take effect. Indeed good news for club members. The Gunnamatta Greys activities continue to be well patronised. Their annual point score competition resulted in a win for Tony Watson, second was Owen Coulter and third Les Nelson.

In the Sunday morning club events the winning relay team was “The Red Devils”, comprised of Janice Cox, Barbara Murphy, Jack Kirkland, Denis Ford, Jim Wilson, Graeme Pitt, Eric Wood and Ted Knight.

In the Club’s annual report, the Club’s treasurer Shirley Cameron reported “ Another successful season, both competitively and financially. I am pleased to have been part of the team”.....No doubt every member would have felt the same !

In year 2000 membership stood at 116. The Club competed in the A.I.F. National Championships held at Heffron Park, Maroubra. It won six individual medals - Gold to Jack Allen (in the over 85 years age group) and to Jim Wilson : Silver to Col Stanford and Bill Brownjohn ; and Bronze to Janice Cox and Cid Lanser.

There was a dead-heat in the Club Championship resulting in both swimmers being declared Joint-Champions (Col Stanford and Tony Sherriff).

The “Red Devils” again won the yearly relay competition . It should be noted that the personnel of the various relay teams change from year-to-year. The team members on this occasion were , Lesley Woodland, Bill Brownjohn, Reg Nicholson, Barry Whitney, Andy Longman, Jack Hannan, Ted Thompson and Doug McPherson. The “Swimmer of the Year” title again went to Barry Whitney. The “Jack Allen Trophy” night was again highly successful.

And now as the Club closes the last chapter of its first 50 years we find that in many respects it differs greatly from that commenced by its 29 foundation members. Its membership now totals 116 and consists of many non-RSL members. There are women members and executives. It occupies its own Club House now situated at Gunnamatta Bay. The “Gunnamatta Greys” provide another dimension to its activities and there are many new innovative features which appeal to a new generation.

The Club has continued to move with the times. No doubt it will continue to evolve as new conditions and opportunities arise..... We wish it every success into the future.

SUMMER RELAY COMPETITION WINNERS



1996 "Red Devils" – L-R Don Tierney, Reg Nicholson, Les Cavanagh, Joan Harper, Ray Ginger, Chris Brannock, Joan Nelson, Jack Hannan (absent Eric Wood)



1997 "Red Devils" – L-R Jim Wilson, Janice Cox, Graeme Pitt, Barbara Murphy, Jack Kirkland, Denis Ford (absent Ted Knight, Eric Wood)

A.I.F SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Following its inception Cronulla has always been a member of the A.I.F. Swimming Association and has participated in all its subsequent Annual Swimming Championships. Below is a copy of the section devoted to the Cronulla Club taken from the Association's "Official History 1936 -1980" publication.

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Ocean Pool to Gunnamatta for Sharks

CRONULLA R.S.L. SWIMMING CLUB.

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| Parent Body | Cronulla RSL Memorial Club | | |
| Formed | 24.12.1950 | | |
| Foundation President | Tony Purcell | World War 1 members | - 4 |
| Foundation Hon. Sec/Treas | John Brickwood | World War 2 members | - 60 |
| Foundation Captain | Brian McClenaughan | Vietnam members | - 4 |
| | | Life members | - 4 |

Club Champions over the years have been Henry Hutchins 10 years and W Brownjohn 6 years. The annual swims against Coogee-Randwick, Rose bay, Penshurst and Repatriation Clubs, also Against local Surf Clubs Wanda, Nth Cronulla and Cronulla.

Father and Child races held twice a year.

The Club progressed from 28 members originally, but after a learn to swim campaign it grew to its present strength of 70.

Outstanding service has been given by Ken Millar and Henry Hutchins
The formation was due to Frank Lawless and Ken Millar and the swim venue was originally the Ocean Pool but now is at the Gunnamatta baths. In 1957 a Clubhouse was built at Gunnamatta Bay baths.

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From that first moment when Henry Hutchins won the blue ribbon 110 yards sprint championship for the Club at his first attempt, Cronulla has always had an outstanding team spirit which took for granted that all would strive for excellence. It was to set the standard for all to follow. The Club has indeed been fortunate in having a steady flow of achievers who have cemented the Club into one of the top Clubs within Association ranks.

Competition in those early years, from ex-servicemen hungry to make up for lost time at the war, was particularly keen. Cronulla was always high on the list with a group of top performers. In 1975 they won a brilliant victory in the open medley relay team event. The team, consisting of Hal Bayley, Bill Brownjohn, Henry Hutchins and Jack Allen established a record of 2 minutes 21.1 seconds. The record remained unbroken for many many years. It was perhaps the most outstanding team ever produced by the club.

Another outstanding victory was achieved in the early 1970's at Blacktown when our World War 1 veterans....Ken Millar, Lin McLaren and Harry Wilkie won the "Speedo Shield". Later with the passing of the last named another 'evergreen' in Ray Prior joined the team to successfully defend the event. In doing so Ray's inclusion brought into focus another aspect of the Club's history.

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There have been many members who have joined the Club & started to swim in Club races even though they were poor swimmers. Their competitive spirits, their determination and will to do better then resulted in hard training and vastly improved times. Ray Prior, who incidently had been Cronulla RSL Memorial Club President from 1947 - 1966 was one of these. A late bloomer!! He became a first class club competitor. When age and ill health finally prevented him from participating in swim races, he would attend on Sunday mornings as often as he could to watch and enjoy the fellowship of his many many mates.

The Club has had so many other noteworthy swimmers over the years that it is impossible to record them all within these records. Some of those whose successes in those earlier years spring to mind include Bill and Jack Brownjohn, Jack Allen, Henry Hutchins, Paul Zaat, Frank Carr, Syd & Peter Blanton, Jack Harman, Ron Goode, Bob McKenna, Les Hennessey, Ron Collins, Doug Larrsen, Derek Plank, Bob Chambers, Ken McNamara, Steve Coote, Cid Lanser, Bill Maker, Ron North, Matt Morrison, Jock Davidson, Bob Bridges, John Williams, John Moore, Gordon Hand, Bob Roche, Ron Wilkinson, Ken Elder & Brian Russell.

Of all these individual swimmers perhaps it was Jack Allen's record in the individual backstroke Championships which stands supreme. Like so many of those competing, the war had robbed him of his best competitive years. Born in 1916, Jack enlisted as a private in the A.I.F. in March 1941. He was to serve in the Middle East, New Guinea and New Britain and was discharged as a Captain in 1946. He joined Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club in 1957. In 1958 now aged 42 years he won his first backstroke championship in a record time of 35.4 seconds. He remained unbeaten until the event was eventually discontinued. Rumour has it that it was cancelled because¹⁹⁷⁸ Jack was unable to get another starter. Jack however was also an outstanding freestyler and is still winning his age group events well into his eighties.

Moving into more recent times - the 1980s and 1990s - many others were to join their already established fellow Club mates and made their individual contributions to the Club's achievements. Amongst these were Mark Gillman, Wayne McDonald, brothers Brendan and Glen Russell, Tony Morrissey, Andy Longman, Bruce Bagnall, Ian Bourke, Doug Bruce, Les & Paul Cavanagh, Allan Cameron, Peter Catarinich, Owen Coulter, Helen Evans, Phil Bailey, Lyn Burbidge, Merv Costello, Ian Goode, Les Cochran, Joe Dillon, Ross Eagleton, Snow Elder, Dennis Ford, Brian Franklin, Joan Harper, Graeme Hilleard, Eric Hilzinger, Jon & Debbie Jenkins, Sue Johnstone, Bob Kellaway, Jack Kirkland, Alex Leal, Doug McPherson, Len Minty, Barry Moore, Barbara Murphy, Kevin Cox, Janice Cox, Joan Nelson, Les Nelson, Reg Nicholson, Janne Robertson, Bruce Ryan, Jim Silva, Ross Smith, Col Stanford, Don Tierney, Mick Iredale, Gordon Williams, Jim Wilson, Lesley Woodland, Eric Wood, Bob Woods and Tony & Kim Sherriff.

Of special mention is the recognition afforded to club member, and former Club Champion, Brian Russell. Brian took on the position as the club's representative with the A.I.F. Swimming Association of Australia. He was subsequently elected there as President and later awarded life membership.

A.I.F. National Swimming Association.

Gold Medal Winners.



1978 - Cid Lanser



1959 - Medley Relay Championship.
H.Bailey, W.Brownjohn, H.Hutchins, J.Allen.



1981 - (l - r) J.Brownjohn, B.McKenna, L.Hennessy, W.Brownjohn, M.Morrison.

GUNNAMATTA GREYS

Gunnamatta with its ideal location, calm waters and other facilities has long been a Mecca for both the fitness fanatic doing his own thing and the social swimmer wanting to enjoy the sun and a quiet swim followed by a cool beer and a yarn with his mates. A venue with a touch of paradise! It was inevitable that these disparate groups would eventually combine their various interests under the one banner. It was in November 1988, that the Cronulla RSL Swimming Club responded to a request from their main proponent, Owen Coulter, to provide a mid-week competition for these retired, part-time or shift workers. Predominantly the swimmers were in their older years. The older, grey haired, gentlemen? Thus the name “Gunnamatta Greys”, a not uncommon term used by others when referring to the group, was adopted. The organisational move was an immediate success. Swimming competitions were organised every Tuesday throughout the summer. In May 1990 the group extended its activities to include a winter competition held at the Waratah Pool, Sutherland. T

When Sutherland Council closed Gurnamatta Pool in 1992 for reconstruction work, the summer competition was moved to the Cronulla rock pool, and at this time, a further decision was made to include a Friday competition. This was later to extend through the winter season.

The “Gunnamatta Greys”, as a division of Cronulla RSL Swimming Club, applied for and was granted affiliation with the Winter Swimming Association of Australia. In registering with the Association it was acknowledged at the time that the vast majority of the Club’s members were already members of the “Cronulla Polar Bears” with membership in some cases spanning several decades and that they would wish to retain old loyalties when it came to winter competitions. This was accepted without dissent by all.

The Club competed in its first inter-club competition in 1992 in the South Metropolitan Winter Swimming Championships without any real success.

Meantime events had over-run the technicalities involved with the Cronulla R.S.L Swimming Club’s constitution. This was rectified in 1993.

By now the Club was operating twice weekly throughout the whole year on Wednesdays and Fridays.

In September 1993 the club competed in the National Winter Swimming Championships at Sutherland pool. In the individual sprints, Jim Silva, Don Tierney and Ken Wrench made the finals in their age groups; the over 60 years six a side (x 6) relay came 4th ; the over 50 years (x 6) mostly over 60 years swimmers backing up, came 7th and the 10 aside (nominated time) relay team came second. A great effort for their first effort in a National Carnival.

The 1994 South Metropolitan Championships were held at Bondi in July. In it Barry Moore and Bill Colless were to reach the final in the over 60 years event, Reg Nicholson (2nd) and Don Tierney (4th) in the over 65 years and the over 60 years (x 4) relay team 2nd. The “Greys” were the official host Club for the carnival and our officials Allan Cameron, “Doc” Daly, Mick Kelly, Eric Hilzinger, Brian Franklin, Graeme Hilleard and Jack Brownjohn were given special mention for their valuable contributions to its success.

In the 1994 National Championships held at Wollongong University Pool the Club had a number of swimmers and relay teams finish in the top ten of their respective races .

In July 1995 in the South Metropolitan Championships held at Bondi the “Greys” scored a trifecta with a win in the over 65 years individual Championship. First place to Bob Woods, second Don Tierney and third to Owen Coulter in a very tight finish. The Club was now on a roll.

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At the 1996 South Metropolitan Championships the Club continued its stranglehold on the over 65 years Championship. This time it was first place to Don Tierney, second Bob Woods and third Jim Silva. The Club's over 60 years relay came third.

September 1996, saw the club reach its pinnacle to date when it took on the mammoth task of hosting the hugely successful Australian Winter Swimming Association's Championship carnival. The organising committee comprising Allan Cameron, Bill Maker, Jack Hannan, Brian Franklin, Jack Brownjohn, Barry Daly and Reg Nicholson was assisted greatly by Betty Maker. Others to give distinguished support were club members Owen Coulter and Ian Bourke who acted in their prime roles as Australian Winter Swimming Association executives. It was fitting that the club would get its first placing in the National titles with a bronze medal in the over 70 years (x 4) relay team consisting of Allan Cameron, Eric Hilzinger, Ron North and Bill Maker.

In 1997 at the South Metropolitan Championships the Club's seniors continued to do well. The over 60 years relay team finished in fourth place whilst the over 70 years team of Allan Cameron, Bill Maker, Doug McPherson and Reg Nicholson finished second. Reg Nicholson finished second in the individual over 70 years. The event was won by Bill Brownjohn representing the "Polar Bears" with Jim Silva in 3rd place.

At the September 1998 National Titles held at Maroubra the club's over 70 years team of Allan Cameron, Bill Maker, Les Cavanagh and Jack Hannan put in an outstanding performance to come in third place against very strong opposition.

In 1999 at the South Metropolitan Championships in perhaps one of the largest carnivals yet staged the club continued to show improved form. Don Tierney came second and Jim Silva third in the over 70 years individual event. The over 60 years relay team comprising Kevin Cox, Jack Kirkland, Peter Brady and Brian Franklin came third. Whilst in the over 70 years relay, the team of Allan Cameron, Jim Silva, Doug McPherson and Don Tierney touched out the previously unbeaten Polar Bear team to take out the prized first place. Victory was never so sweet!

CLUB FACILITIES

Facilities in those formative years were primitive indeed. In the years 1951/52 races were conducted at the rock pool between Cronulla and North Cronulla. High tides would crash across the pool, sea weed was often a problem, sand would fill the pool, there was no shelter from the rain and no hot showers after the swim. In 1953 after much discussion and spurred on by Jack Harman the club resolved to move to Gurmamatta Bay. This was an improvement but in those days things were still rugged. There were no floating starting blocks then. Swimmers had the choice of diving from the walk-way (at low tide this could be 10 feet above the water) or having a kick start off the timber walls at both ends of the pool. But these were accepted as minor discomforts.

The Club then began a series of Learn-to-swim classes for the community. Initially they were extremely successful. However there was also another local group performing the same service and it was soon obvious that it would be better to allow that group to continue unopposed. The service was discontinued. Meantime the result of this extra-curricular activity had resulted in a sizeable increase in member numbers.

By 1957 with membership numbers now around the 70 - 80 mark , the Club members decided to build themselves their own Club house. Ken Mc Donald acted as the main builder. The brickwork fell to brothers Fred and Bill Osborne and Snowy Hinton. Carpentry and timber work the job of Ted Hourigan and Sol (Ernest) Stephens and the rest to anyone who could use a hammer or saw or hold a paint brush. Everyone gave their enthusiastic support and unselfishly contributed to whatever needed to be done to successfully complete the task. Since then successive committees have maintained and added facilities which now increase members overall enjoyment. These include refrigeration, cupboards, seating, and hot showers.

In 1995 membership numbers had reached a record number of 132. This reflected the growing numbers attracted to our “Gunnamatta Greys” swims and the acceptance of women members and their increasing participation in club events. Until now the ladies had no dressing room facilities of their own and had to make use of the public dressing sheds for showering and changing. It was resolved that the ladies should take over the adjoining room to the men’s club recently vacated by the local ‘learn-to-swim’ organisation which had just re-located at Caringbah pool. A larger hot water unit was installed in the mens’ room and the hot water piped to their new quarters. Another mile stone had been reached.

“ One generation plants the trees, the next sits in the shade.”
Proverb.

LADY MEMBERS – THE TRAIL BLAZERS

In 1983, after 33 years as the sole domain of male members, Barbara Rose was admitted into the Cronulla Club as its first lady member. Many of the members were still reluctant at such a move preferring to continue as a totally male membership. The attitude took many years to mellow. However, Barbara remained a member for two years. It is interesting to record that the N.S.W. Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 was being contested in the 1980's and 1990's in the N.S.W. courts as more and more women sought membership of exclusive men's clubs. Possibly the most publicised of these involved the Bondi Icebergs Club in 1995. However whilst some reluctance on the part of some of Cronulla's male members_ lingered in those early years by the year 2000 it was a long forgotten issue. Women were in fact becoming a strength within the Club. In 1986 Barbara Rose was followed by M.Astley (1986/7) , Helen Evans (1986 - 1996) , Beryl Iredale (1986) and Debbie Jenkins (1986 - 1993). They were excellent members and by their attitudes and demeanours gradually won over unqualified acceptance from their male colleagues. Since then there has been a small but steady build up of lady members numbers. Helen Evans in particular was a valuable find for the Club in those early years. In her first attempt at the A.I.F. Swimming Championships she won her 50 - 59 age event in record time. Accompanying the now rising number of lady members came an emerging confidence to take a greater role in the running of the Club. Whilst still relatively modest by 2000 they were now making a significant contribution in all aspects of Club life. It appears appropriate to recognise the contribution that these ladies have made for all the lady members who will now surely follow. As the men honour their foundation member colleagues so too should future lady members honour these Trail - Blazers. They are :-

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| 1983 | Barbara Rose |
| 1986 | M. Astley, Helen Evans, Beryl Iredale, Debbie Jenkins |
| 1988 | Joan Nelson |
| 1989 | Heather McLaughlin |
| 1991 | Colleen Bennett, Marlene Thompson |
| 1992 | Janne Robertson |
| 1993 | Joan Harper, Leanne Hodson, Robyn Hughes, Sue Johnstone, Barbara Murphy, Lesley Woodland. |
| 1994 | Lyn Burbidge, Janice Cox, Kim Johnson |
| 1995 | Stephanie Bourke, Phyllis Hall, Libby Hassall, Kerry Thompson |
| 1996 | Judy Williams, Val Morrison |
| 1997 | Carolyn Harrigan |
| 1998 | Shirley Cameron, Claire Sandford |
| 1999 | Vanessa Brown |
| 2000 | Dianne Davey, Kim Sherriff. |

TRAIL BLAZERS.



Back Row - (l-r) Barbara Murphy, Shirley Cameron, Joan Nelson.
Front Row - (l-r) Joan Harper, Lesley Woodland, Kim Sherriff, Sue Johnstone.



1995 - "The Beachside Music Hall" . Back Row - Lesley Woodland, Lyn Burbidge, Barbara Murphy, Joan Nelson, Sue Johnstone, Joan Harper. Front Row - Janne Robertson, Robyn Hughes.

AFTER 50 YEARS – THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT

For many years now our swimming club has had its Annual Presentation Dinners to celebrate the achievements of its members. These special functions have always been highly regarded by our swimmers and invited guests and quite often some of the latter were called upon to make a number of the presentations.

Over time other activities were added to the program to give spice and variety to those of us who were rarely “mentioned in dispatches”. In one period prior to 1977 we had an unofficial ‘Honour Roll’ in which sundry members were given blasts from the past such as :-

- “The Club Mother” Bob McKenna for looking after little Billy Osborne.
- “The Club Lover” Pat Rooney who loved hearing Henry Hutchins bawl out Bruce Green for talking.
- “The Club Hero” Bob Haughey because he still came to swim even though he was a Rugby League referee.

In later years special gifts were added to the awards such as :- a cigarette wrapped in glad wrap so that Bob Roche could still smoke as he swam his race; and a short piece of rope for Jack Harman so he would remember to help put out and bring in our swimming lane ropes !

The Queen’s Birthday Honours were celebrated in 1979 with President Bill Osborne’s skilfully made ‘Honours Medals’ complete with ribbons. The highest award, The Most Honourable Order of the Bath was awarded to our beloved Henry ‘H’ the KGC, the KCB and the CB for being our Captain, our starter, our check starter and our judge. The Order of Merit went to Kevin Cox, designated the ‘hot sausage award’ no doubt for his prowess on the barbie plate. I’m sure that Ron Wilkinson will be remembered too as an expert in that area. Our barbecues were always successful as they brought-together the swimmers, wives and girl friends and in later years the husbands and/or boy friends of our lady swimmers as we are now of course a non-sexist club, if not yet unisex! It must be admitted, albeit reluctantly by the male chauvinists, that the lady swimmers have brought with them much skill at helping to run our club events and many of them have achieved success in other swimming venues as well.

After doing very well at the 1978 A.I.F. Swimming Carnival we had a Special Presentation Dinner to thank “The Champions” (too many to mention here) but a veritable roll call of keen swimmers.

Because the 2nd World War veterans were moving into retirement mode it was decided to change our presentation functions from evening to afternoon time slots and sundry stage features were included. The Bee Gee’s sing-a-longs were introduced with the popular lyrics altered to reflect our life styles in the 80s and 90s. These songs included “South of the Kingsway”, Gurmamatta Here We Come”, “Give Me My Lane Henry Hutchins”, “ I could have Sworn All Day”, and “ I know Everyone Mate” (with the names of everyone in the swimming club at that time except Eric Hilzinger who was unforgiveably left out - my deepest apologies), and finally “We Know it’s Hard to be Humble but we’re Doing The Best That We Can

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Imagine how our guest trophy presenters felt as we all sang these songs to introduce them to our audience. On top of that the compere would suggest that we all sing “Sam ‘n Jan” and everyone sang Some Enchanted Evening.

We realised that our singing was of such a high standard that the next step was the big Karaoke Concert but that revealed many great stars but few with ability. C’est la Vie !

With the gradual increase in our lady members we moved into possibly our greatest entertainment venture “The Beachside Music Hall” because we do like to be beside the seaside. Our Gunnamatta Flappers were simply magic as they danced to the music of Ronnie Elder, Les Nelson and Jack Carter. The Fabulous Femmes were assisted by a vast cast which presented solos, duets, quartettes and recitations with the whole Company and Patrons joining in the sing-a-long segment, all introduced by Mr. Chairman as..... “Our own, our verrrrry ownn.....! or by his concern at the “ENORRRMOUS EXPENSE TO THE MANAGEMENT” H!

To sum up we swim for health, fellowship, fun and entertainment and the Cronulla R.S.L.



Bill Maker



Bruce Green

Swimming Club has it all. If you are a member of our R.S.L you would be made most welcome to come and join us and share in the goodies that life has given us in this beautiful area. As they say in the classics “use it or lose it”

Contributed by Bruce Green.

Ed. Note The Club has been fortunate to have had Bruce Green and Bill Maker, two gifted “raconteurs extraordinaires” who for many many years acted as MCs for the Club’s Presentations and other official occasions. They very ably presented an image of the Club that others could only envy.

CLUB SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

The format for the running of the Club championships has changed several times over the years but whatever the rules, the event has always been seriously contested. To be the Club Champion has always been the ultimate in Club swimming. Good sportsmanship too has always been legendary. Perhaps this is no better illustrated than the year that Bill Brownjohn and Henry Hutchins dead-heated in the Championship point score. They had contested the 50m, 100m, and the 200m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke and the 50m butterfly with varying results in each race but at the end of the day both were equal on total points. The quandary now for the club officials was whether to swim all the races again, run just one race again or, to declare a dead-heat with both swimmers named joint winners? Before the matter could be given serious consideration Henry Hutchins stepped forward and declared there could only be one outcome. “Bill Brownjohn” he said “was the winner last year and is currently the reigning champion. Until someone actually beats him he continues to be the reigning Champion”. There was no room for discussion and that was the end of the matter.

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| Henry Hutchins..... | 1954, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63. |
| Bill Brownjohn | 1964, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71. |
| Barry Brownjohn . | 1972 |
| John Williams | 1973 |
| Paul Zaat | 1974, 75, 77 . |
| Jack Brownjohn | 1976. |
| Ken Elder | 1978. |
| Brian Russell | 1979. |
| J.Kemp | 1980. |
| Wayne McDonald. | 1981, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 91. |
| Mark Gillman | 1985, 87. |
| — Tony Morrissey | 1989, 90. |
| Brendan Russell .. | 1992, 93, 98. |
| Glen Russell | 1994, 95, 96, 97. |
| Andy Longman | 1999. |
| Colin Stanford | 2000.) |
| Tony Sherriff | 2000.) Joint Champions. |

Club Champions.



Henry Hutchins
1954,5,6,7,8,9,60,1,2,3.



Bill Brownjohn.
1964,5,6,7,8,9,70,1.



Barry Brownjohn - 1972.



Paul Zaat - 1974,5,7.

Club Champions.



Jack Brownjohn - 1976.



Ken Elder - 1978.



Wayne McDonald.
1981, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 91



Mark Gillman - 1985,7.

Club Champions.



Brendan Russell, Brian Russell, Glen Russell,
(1992, 3, 98). (1979) (1994,5,6,7.)



Tony Morrissey - 1989, 90.



Andy Longman - 1999.



**Colin Stanford & Tony Sherriff - 2000
Joint Champions.**

HONOUR ROLL OF LIFE MEMBERS

Life membership is never bestowed lightly in any organisation and certainly not least in the Cronulla Club. Only sixteen members were recognised with life membership in the Club's first 50 years of existence. To hold such office a member must have been a member for 10 years & have served on the management committee for 5 years or have performed outstanding service in lieu. They must then have been recommended by the Club's management Committee for such office and then have been elected by not less than 75% of all members at an Ordinary General Meeting.

They have indeed been extraordinary members.

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| 1961 ... Ken Millar | 1966 ... Henry Hutchins |
| 1972 ... Frank Falson | 1973 ... Bill Brownjohn |
| 1974 ... Jack Hannan | 1976 ... John Moore |
| 1979 ... Ron Collins | 1981 ... Les Hennessy |
| 1982 ... Ron Wilkinson | 1983 ... Keith Nicholls |
| 1986 ... Doug McPherson | 1988 ... Ron North |
| 1992 ... Eric Hilzinger | 1993 ... Bill Maker |
| 1994 ... Bruce Green | 1997 ... Les Cavanagh |



Back Row... (L - R) Jack Hannan, Eric Hilzinger, Bill Maker.

Front Row... (L - R) Ron Collins, Bruce Green, Bill Brownjohn, Doug McPherson, Ron North.

Photograph taken March 2000.

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS.

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**PRESIDENTS (L - R).....B/R.. Jack Hannan, Eric Hilzinger, Bill Maker.
F/R.. Reg Nicholson, Allan Cameron, Bill Brownjohn, Doug McPherson, Ron North.**



CAPTAINS - Barry Whitney, Paul Cavanagh, Col Stanford, Jack Brownjohn.

THE GOOD AND SAD TIMES

The difficulty in recording the history of Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club is that, to its members, it has not just been a swimming club. It's been a way of life. It has not only been those early morning dips, club and inter-club competition swims or A.I.F. National Championships. It has also been the obligatory BBQs, trips away, social occasions, presentation nights, Christmas parties and wine raffles, Father Christmas and the presents for children and grandchildren. It has also been the great nights out at the trotting meetings where even the losers came home grinning and the group bookings at the local Arts Theatre etc. etc.. There have been those innumerable good times but some sad ones too. It is therefore appropriate to dwell on some of these and the personalities involved.

In doing so there would be no better way to begin than to recall the visits by Perce McFadden in his latter years in the Club. Perce's health had deteriorated to such an extent that he was reduced to depending upon a wheel chair to get him to Gurmamatta. He would arrive in his costume and depend upon club members to lower him into or get him out of the water, quite a feat at low tide involving a drop of up to three metres. Perce was greatly admired by every member for his courage, ready wit and great sense of humour. Perce would normally swim in events, (with a little start), backstroking. On one occasion he lost his swimmers, but quite oblivious of the fact, never missed a beat to finish amid great applause! Days later his mates manufactured rubber braces cut from old bicycle tubes for him and sent them to him as a joke. Perce, not one to be out-done, responded by turning up the following week resplendent in his gear buttoned to his swimmers!

BBQs have always been the favoured accessory to a beer and a good yam. Cronulla club has been served by only the best when it comes to burnt offerings. A long list of these well intentioned "experts" include such dietary buffs as Ron Wilkinson, Jack Hennessy, Frank Bickerstaff, Jack Hannan, Kevin Cox, Brian Farlie, Bob Woods, Pat Rooney, Max Bond, Ken Webb, Ray Ginger, Les Cavanagh and that fisherman supreme Peter Catarinich.

Christmas BBQs have over the last few decades been accompanied by a fund raising "wine raffle". Members would donate their favourite bottle of wine and hope to win it back in the raffle. It was always a popular event. In 1976 in order to add a little extra to proceedings, Frank Bickerstaff as the then Social Secretary volunteered to dress and act as Santa for members' children. The move was always a hit with the children but good intentions sometimes go awry. Nothing is immune to a small hiccup! Many still recall the year when Frank, spectacular in his Santa gear, climbing the hill towards the members and children, with bell clanging and blaring out his Ho Ho Hos only to be followed by a huge crowd of young uninvited ethnic children willing to share his largesse. But Frank, the super experienced 'boy scout' from way back, produced his loaves and fishes ..oops.. his bags of boiled lollies and saved the day.... Legendary stuff... Frank was also noted for his generosity over the many years for producing and donating the 'hand bound' books used to record all the Club's events.

Les Cochran after a period of observing how a master Santa performs has very capably taken over the roll.

Over the past three decades Kevin Cox has been at the forefront as a social event organiser. The trot night at Harold Park paceway was always one not to be missed. Here members would be guaranteed their own private lounge situated beside the finishing post. A three course meal was provided and exclusive totalizator betting facilities made available. On many occasions several buses were organised to accommodate those going. Popular also were the visits he would organise to the local Arts Theatre. Obviously the members were keen to lap up a little culture !

Melbourne Cup day sweeps were always catered for by highly esteemed past president and life member Eric Hilzinger as organiser and Len (The Legend) Minty his bagman.

Family week-end trips to the Bungalow guest-house just out of Fitzroy Falls were always something special. A great place for the kids to play and ride bikes. A great way for the grown ups to catch up on a little golf and relaxation.

Trophies for individual week-end swimming events at Gunnamatta were first introduced by Bill Brownjohn in his years as president. Members have continued the practice ever since. Rarely does an ordinary swim day pass without a modest trophy being donated.

Tragic incidences, fortunately, have been rare, but during a swimming event in the mid 1980s, Percy Ainsworth, a life member and 'Board of Examiners' member of Wanda Surf Life Saving Club collapsed after his first and only swim with the Cronulla Club. Percy had just completed a 100m race against an old mate, Allan Cameron, and others. After touching the finishing line he collapsed and died from a heart attack. Quick help administered by Kevin Cox, Bill Brownjohn and others was to no avail.

Les Hennessey (a Cronulla Club life member) had died some time earlier at Gunnamatta Baths but in his case he apparently had just finished a lone early morning swim and suffered a heart attack just as he was leaving the water. He passed away before being found on the sand.

Swimming at Gunnamatta Bay and being part of the Club's fraternity had formed such an important part of the lives of two former members, that on their deaths, they had asked that their ashes be scattered in the swimming pool at Gunnamatta Bay. The first was Bob McKenna. His ceremony was conducted by the then Club's President, Doug McPherson. Bob had been a very active member of the Club and formally a member of North Bondi Lifesaving Club. He had acted as host for the Queen when she had attended a surf carnival at Bondi in the early 1950s. The second was Frank Falson. Before moving to the Sutherland Shire, Frank had been Clovelly Surf Belt and N.S.W. Surf Belt Champion and had been made a life member of Clovelly SLSC. On joining Cronulla he became immersed in its activities. He was elected Secretary in 1958 and later occupied the various positions of Deputy President, President, Senior Vice President and A.I.F. Association Delegate in the period up to 1987. He was awarded life membership in 1972. Frank was also a life member of the Union of Old Swimmers and Cronulla Water Polo Club. Following his death the ceremony to scatter his ashes was conducted by the then Club President, Eric Hilzinger, with Bonny Lofberg rendering 'The Last Post' on his bugle.

The Club still remembers these former members each year when they compete for the 100m , Bob McKenna Memorial Trophy donated by Paul Cavanagh and for the 100m Frank Falson Memorial Trophy donated by Ted Knight.

In 1993, Sutherland Council banned the Club from using the pool at Gunnamatta pending reconstruction of the concrete surrounds of the pool. Of necessity the Club was forced to move its main swimming venue to Caringbah Pool. Whilst there tragedy almost struck again when Eddie Bailey collapsed in the pool during one of the relay events. Quick thinking, timely and professional aid given him by Sue Johnstone, Janne Robertson and Jack Hennessey certainly saved his life. Eddie had a complete recovery.



2000 Club Group Photograph.



1995 - Henry Hutchins holds his photograph after presentation by Reg Nicholson.

MEMBERSHIP – 50 YEARS ON

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| ABBOTT Gordon | GLEDHILL Peter | NORTH Ron * |
| ALLEN Jack | GREEN Bruce * | PENNY Dick |
| BAGNALL Bruce | HANNAN Jack * | REYNOLDS Peter |
| BAILEY Phil | HARDY Geoff | ROCHE Bob |
| BARRY Ray | HARLUM John | ROONEY Pat |
| BARTON Rod | HARPER Joan | RUSSELL Brendan |
| BICKERSTAFF Frank | HAUGHEY Bob | RUSSELL Brian |
| BITMEAD Peter | HEATH Greg | RUSSELL Glen |
| BOFFA Vince | HEATH Jim | RUSSELL Vanessa |
| BOND Max | HENNESSY Jack | RYAN Bruce |
| BOURKE Ian | HILLEARD Graeme | SHERRIFF Kim |
| BRADY Peter | HILZINGER Eric * | SHERRIFF Tony |
| BRANNOCK Chris | HOWELL Len | SILVA Jim |
| BRENNAN Ray | IREDALE Mick | SCHEUTRIM Brian |
| BROWNJOHN Bill * | IRVINE John | SMITH Ross |
| BROWNJOHN Jack | JOHNSON Fred | STAFFORD Bill |
| BRUCE Doug | JOHNSON Jim | STANFORD Colin |
| CAMERON Allan | JOHNSON Kim | STENHOUSE Neil |
| CAMERON Shirley | JOHNSTONE Sue | STEPHENS Ernest |
| CARR Gordon | KELLY Mick | SLOUGH Mark |
| CATARINICH Peter | KIRKLAND Jack | SUANN John |
| CAVANAGH Les * | KNIGHT Ted | SYMONDS Donald |
| CAVANAGH Paul | LANSER Cid | THOMPSON Ted |
| COCHRAN Les | LOFTBERG Bon | TIERNEY Don |
| COLLINS Ron * | LONGMAN Andy | TURNBULL Neville |
| COSTELLO Merv | MAKER Bill * | WARBURTON Alan |
| COULTER Owen | MASON Paul | WATSON Tony |
| COX Janice | MOORE Barry | WEBB Ken |
| COX Kevin | MOORE John * | WHITE Reg |
| CRAIG Bert | MORRISSON Matt | WHITNEY Barry |
| DAVEY Dianne | MORRISSON Val | WEST Arthur |
| DAVIDSON Mark | MURPHY Barbara | WEKINSON Ron * |
| DOEPEL Terry | MURRAY Ross | WILLIAMS Gordon |
| EAGLETON Ross | McPHERSON Doug * | WILSON Jim |
| ELDER Ken | NELSON Joan | WISHART Col |
| FARLIE Brian | NELSON Les | WOOD Eric |
| FORD Dennis | NICHOLS Keith * | WOODLAND Lesley |
| FRANKLIN Brian | NICHOLSON Colin | WOODS Bob |
| GINGER Ray | NICHOLSON Reg | |

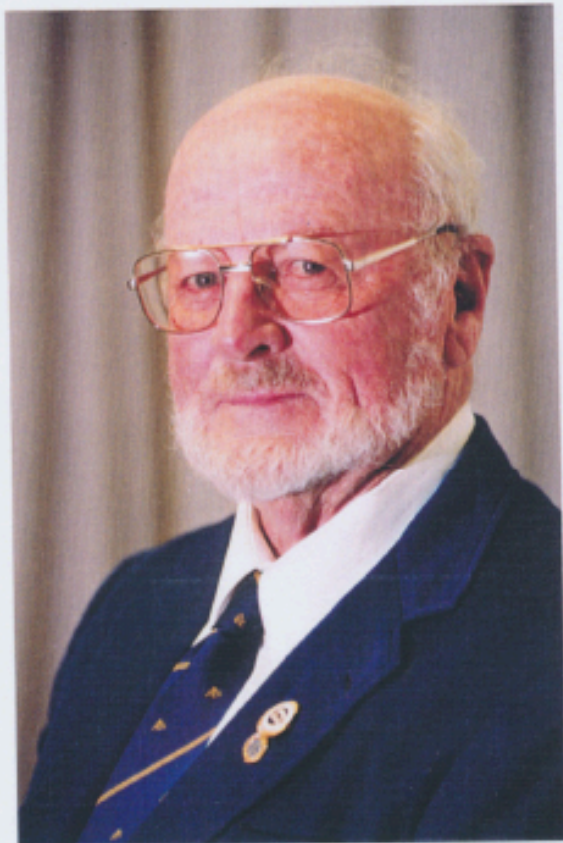
* Life members



Frank Faison (refer page 27.)



Jack Allen (refer pages 13,14).



Allan Cameron (President 1996 - 2000).



1995 - Reg Nicholson presents Les Cavanagh with "Meritorious Service Award".

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Bob Woods, Cid Lanser.



Eric Hilzinger, Cid Lanser.



“Snow” Elder.



1999 - Jack Kirkland and Lesley Woodland at Club's Annual Presentations.



Members : (l - r) Kevin Cox, Ken Elder, Eric Hilzinger, Les Cochran & Jack Brownjohn.



1993 Sunday Morning Club Swim.

CRONULLA R.S.L. SWIMMING CLUB.

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1950 – 2000

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| Inaugural Meeting | Sunday 24th December, 1950 |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Purcell</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>W King</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>J Birkwood</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>J Birkwood</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>R Bridges</i> |
| <i>Judge</i> | <i>A. Howarth</i> |
| <i>Committee</i> | <i>B McClenaughan, J Hervey, J Myers</i> |
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| 1st Annual Meeting | 28th January 1951 |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E.G. Lloyd</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Purcell</i> |
| <i>Deputy Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, R Miller, K Millar</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>A Howarth,</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Bridges</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>J Brickwood</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
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| 2nd Annual Meeting | 25th November 1951 |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E.G. Lloyd</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A.Purcell</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, R Miller, K Millar</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>A Howarth</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Bridges</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>J Brickwood</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Judge, Starter</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Edwards</i> |
| <i>Committee</i> | <i>J Harvey, J Myers, B McClenaughan</i> |
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| 3rd Annual Meeting | 1952 |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E G Lloyd</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Purcell</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, R Miller, P Bennison, T Pentaland</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>A Howarth</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Bridges</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B McCenaughan</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Holcombe</i> |
| <i>Judge, Starter</i> | <i>J Campbell</i> |
| <i>Assistant Judge, Starter</i> | <i>T Pentaland</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Edwards</i> |

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| 4th Annual Meeting 1953 | |
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| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E G Lloyd, R Prior</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>O Campbell</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Purcell, W Scott, R Miller, G Shirt, C Knight, P Bennison</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>H Hutchins, J Vincent</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Edwards</i> |
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| 5th Annual Meeting 1954 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E G Lloyd</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>J Harvey</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Purcell, R Prior, G Shirt, P Bennison, O Campbell, W McDonald, V Williams, A Court</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Vincent, J Moore</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, B McClenaughan, R Wilson</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Edwards</i> |
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| 6th Annual Meeting 1955 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E G Lloyd</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>J Harvey</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Purcell, R Prior, G Shirt, P Bennison, W McDonald, A Court</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Vincent, J Moore</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, B McClenaughan, R Wilson</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Edwards</i> |

CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 7th Annual Meeting 1956 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>E G Lloyd, A Purcell</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>J Harvey</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, P Bennison, W McDonald, A Court, W J Rigden, G Long, T W Bidwell</i> |
| <i>Honorary Vice President</i> | <i>H Gibbons</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B McClenaughan,</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Vincent, G Challis</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, D Porter</i> |
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| 8th Annual Meeting 1957 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>A Purcell, J Harvey</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, W McDonald, A Court, G Long, C Bulmer</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>M Pettit (partial) & F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>J Allen</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, F Osborne</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>K Nicholls, R Wilson</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>J Allen, R Baynes, R Hicks, K Nicholls</i> |
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| 9th Annual Meeting 1958 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>A Purcell, J Harvey, I Griffiths, H Gibbons</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Millar (D Porter)</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, S Egan, A Court, G Long, C Bulmer</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, I Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Chief Marshall, Starter</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Recorder</i> | <i>G Pearton</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, B McClenaughen</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>R Hicks, K Nicholls</i> |
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| 10th Annual Meeting 1959 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, A Court, C Bulmer T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, A Purcell</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Chief Marshall, Starter</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Recorder</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, B McClenaughen</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>R Hicks, K Nicholls</i> |

CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 11th Annual Meeting 1960 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>D Porter</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, A Court, C Bulmer T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, A Purcell</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Starter</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, B McClenaughen</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>R Hicks, K Nicholls</i> |
| 12th Annual Meeting 1961 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>J Killalea</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Prior, G Shirt, A Court, T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, B Bryan, D Porter, R Hicks</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>E West</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>T McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Starter</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>T McClenaughan, B McClenaughen</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>R Hicks, K Nicholls</i> |
| 1st Life member – Ken Millar | |
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| 13th Annual Meeting 1962 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>J Killalea</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Court, T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, D Porter, R Hicks, B McClenaughan, T McClenaughan,</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F West</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, W O'Rourke, A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Starter</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>E Parkinson, B McClenaughan</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>B McClenaughan, E Parkinson</i> |

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| 14th Annual Meeting 1963 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>J Killalea</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, D Porter, R Hicks, B McClenaughan, T McClenaughan, R Prior, G Shirt, A Court, L Allen, B Bryan</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F West</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, F Osborne, A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Starter</i> | <i>A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>E Parkinson, J Chard</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>W O'Rourke, B Hyslop</i> |
| 15th Annual Meeting 1964 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Lord</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, D Porter, R Hicks, T McClenaughan, R Prior, G Shirt, A Court, L Allen, B Bryan, J Killalea</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Starter</i> | <i>A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W O'Rourke</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>J Vincent</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>J Chard, F Osborne</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>F Osborne, K Garthon</i> |
| <i>Social committee</i> | <i>K Nicholls, W O'Rourke, K McDonnell, R Allen</i> |
| 16th Annual Meeting 1965 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Deputy President</i> | <i>K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Vice Presidents</i> | <i>T Green, F Quinn, H Gibbons, I Griffiths, J Harvey, D Porter, R Hicks, T McClenaughan, R Prior, G Shirt, A Court, L Allen, B Bryan, J Killalea, S Brown, B McClenaughan,</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Wilson</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Starter</i> | <i>A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>F Osborne, E McCamley</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>F Osborne, K Lord</i> |

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| <i>Social committee</i> | <i>K Nicholls, K McDonnell, F Osborne, F West, K Lord, E McCamley, B Green, W O'Rourke</i> |
| 17th Annual Meeting 1966 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>J Killilea, A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>S Blanton</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>E McCamley, W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>E Hourigan, L Massey</i> |
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| 2nd Life member H Hutchins | |
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| 18th Annual Meeting 1967 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>J Killilea, A Parrish</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>S Blanton</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>B Green</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>E McCamley, W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Sports council delegates</i> | <i>E Hourigan, L Massey</i> |
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| 19th Annual Meeting 1968 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Parrish, R McKenna</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hourigan</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Green</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>R Collins, K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>G Keane</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>E McCamley, F Carr</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>L Massey, M Costello</i> |

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| 22nd Annual Meeting 1971 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Haughey, W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>L Massey</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>P McFadden</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>C Lanser</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, W Keough</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Roche, F Carr</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R Goode, R North, K Nicholls</i> |
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| 23rd Annual Meeting 1972 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R Haughey</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>P McFadden</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>A McLean</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>C Lanser</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Roche, F Falson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R North, L Biggart</i> |
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| 3rd Life Member F Falson | |
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| 24th Annual Meeting 1973 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>J Hannan</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>R Haughey</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>A McLean</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>C Lanser</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>F Falson, R Collins</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R North, L Biggart</i> |

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| 25th Annual Meeting 1974 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>R Haughey</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A McLean</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>P Zaat</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>F Falson, R Collins</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>L Biggart, L Hennessey</i> |
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| 5th Life Member J Hannan | |
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| 26th Annual Meeting 1975 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>R Haughey</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A McLean</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>A Uptin</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>P Zaat</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>F Falson, R Collins</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>L Hennessey, W Brownjohn</i> |
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| 27th Annual Meeting 1976 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R Haughey</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>A Uptin</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>F Bickerstaff</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>F Falson, R Collins</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>W Brownjohn, L Biggart</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
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| 28th Annual Meeting 1977 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>P Rooney</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Uptin</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>R Smith</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>F Bickerstaff</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>A Uptin</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>F Falson, R Collins</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>L Biggart, K Elder, Standby:W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
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| 29th Annual Meeting 1978 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>K Millar</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>P Rooney</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Uptin</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>J Moore, G Hand</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>G Keane</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>K Cox</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>A Uptin</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, A Uptin</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>L Hennessey, P Cavanagh, Standby:W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| | |
| 30th Annual Meeting 1979 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Osborne</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>R North</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Collins</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>C Vickers, P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>L Cavanagh, C Lanser</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>G Keane</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>K Cox</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>L Biggart, K Nicholls</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
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| 7th Life Member R Collins | |
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CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| | |
| 31st Annual Meeting 1980 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R North</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>L Hennessey</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>L Cavanagh, J Moore</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>G Keane</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>M Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, F Falson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>P Zaat, D McPherson(resigned 18/2/81) L Biggart (appointed 18/3/81)</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
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| 32nd Annual Meeting 1981 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R North</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>C A Taylor</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>G Keane, L Biggart</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>J McGahey</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>L Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>G Hand</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, F Falson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>B Moore, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>M Bond, J Moore, K Webb, F Bickerstaff, P Bitmead</i> |
| 8th Life Member L Hennessey | |
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| 33rd Annual Meeting 1982 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R North</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>C A Taylor</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>M Gillman</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>L Biggart, M Costello</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>G Keane</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>L Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>B Green</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, (Alternate D McPherson)</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>F Carr, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>M Bond, J Moore, K Webb, F Bickerstaff, P Bitmead</i> |

CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 9th Life Member R Wilkinson | |
| 34th Annual Meeting 1983 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>C A Taylor</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>M Gillman</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>W McDonald</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>G Keane, A Tate</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>Committee below</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>B Green</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>F Carr, K Webb</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>M Bond, J Moore, K Webb, F Bickerstaff, P Bitmead, J Moore</i> |
| 10th Life Member K Nicholls | |
| 35th Annual Meeting 1984 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>B Moore, M Costello</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>G Keane</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>M Gillman</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>M Gillman</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>F Carr, K Webb</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>M Bond, K Webb, P Bitmead, , L Cavanagh, L Cochran, J Hennessy, J Thorne</i> |
| <i>Ben Bryan Relay Committee</i> | <i>K Elder, B Russell, R Smith</i> |
| 36th Annual Meeting 1985 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>A Leal</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>P Mason</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>M Morrison</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>M Gillman, L Biggart</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>J Hennessy</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>M Gillman</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>S Elder, J Heath</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>M Bond, K Webb, P Bitmead, , L Cavanagh, L Cochran, J Hennessy, J Thorne</i> |

CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>K Elder, B Russell, R North</i> |
| 37th Annual Meeting 1986 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>K Cox</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Freeman</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>M Gillman</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>R Collins, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>S Elder, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>M Bond, P Bitmead, B Fairlie, M Costello, J Thorne, R Goode</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>D McPherson, R Nicholson, M Morrison</i> |
| 11th Life Member D McPherson | |
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| 38th Annual Meeting 1987 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>F Falson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Freeman</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>R Smith</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>M Morrison, R North</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>B Fairlie</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>P Mason</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>S Elder, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>E Bailey, P Catarinich, M Costello, M Gillman, R Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>M Gillman, K Elder, S Chapman</i> |
| <i>Monro Trophy Captain</i> | <i>P Bailey</i> |
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CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 39th Annual Meeting 1988 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>K Cox</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>L Minty</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>R Roche</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>M Morrison</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>B Fairlie</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>P Mason</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>S Elder, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>B Green, P Bitmead, R Wilkinson, M Bond, M Costello, P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>R Nicholson, B Bridges, P Bitmead</i> |
| <i>Monro Trophy Captain</i> | <i>P Bailey</i> |
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| 40th Annual Meeting 1989 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>K Cox</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>T Morrissey</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>M Morrison</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>R North, B Ryan</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>B Fairlie</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>P Mason</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>J Jenkins, P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Sub-Committee</i> | <i>B Green, P Bitmead, M Bond, M Costello, R Smith, L Cochran</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>R Nicholson, B Bridges, P Bitmead, S Chapman</i> |
| <i>Monro Trophy Captain</i> | <i>P Bailey</i> |

CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 41st Annual Meeting 1990 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>T Morrissey</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Sevenoaks</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>D Bruce</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>E Knight</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>B Moore, M Kelly</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>B Ryan</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Ginger</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>P Mason</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>M Bond, W Maker</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>A Cameron, P Bitmead, R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Monro Trophy Captain</i> | <i>P Bailey</i> |
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| 42nd Annual Meeting 1991 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Sevenoaks</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>M Costello</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>D Bruce</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Handicappers</i> | <i>E Knight</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>B Whitney, P Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>B Ryan, K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Ginger</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R Nicholson, W Maker</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>A Cameron, P Bitmead, m morrison</i> |
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CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 43rd Annual Meeting 1992 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>D Bruce</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Hilleard</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>P Mason</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Russell</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>E Knight</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>B Whitney, M Costello</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>B Ryan</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>R Ginger</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, E Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R Woods, L Elder</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>W Maker, B Russell, P Bitmead</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>K Webb, B Fairlie, M Bond, B Whitney, R Woods, M Kelly</i> |
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| 13th Life Member E Hilzinger | |
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| 44th Annual Meeting 1993 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>B Ryan</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Hilleard</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>T Morrissey</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>K Elder</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>A Cameron</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>B Murphy, P Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>J Silva</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Woodland</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>L Howell</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, E Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R Woods, L K Cox</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>W Maker, S Johnstone, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>K Webb, B Fairlie, M Bond, B Whitney, R Woods, M Kelly, P Catarinich, B Whitney</i> |
| 14th Life Member W Maker | |
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CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB – THE FIRST 50 YEARS

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| 45th Annual Meeting 1994 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>R Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>G Hilleard</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Whitney</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>A Cameron</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>A Cameron, B Moore</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>J Silva</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Woodland, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>L Howell</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>R Woods, W Maker</i> |
| <i>WSAA Delegate</i> | <i>O Coulter, B Daly</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>L Burbridge, K Johnson, S Johnstone</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>B Whitney, J Nelson, B Murphy, M Kelly, B Fairlie, K Webb, M Bond, R Ginger</i> |
| 15th Life Member B Green | |
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| 46th Annual Meeting 1995 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Cameron B.E.M.</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>P Bitmead</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Treasurer(acting)</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>B Whitney</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>T Knight</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>B Whitney</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Woodland</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>S Johnstone, L Burbridge</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>A Cameron, W Maker</i> |
| <i>WSAA Delegate</i> | <i>O Coulter, B Daly</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>J Nelson, G Russell, K Johnson</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>B Whitney, J Nelson, B Murphy, B Fairlie, K Webb, M Bond, R Ginger</i> |

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| 47th Annual Meeting 1996 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Cameron B.E.M.</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>P Bitmead</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Treasurer(acting)</i> | <i>E Hilzinger</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B Whitney</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>P Bailey</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>T Knight</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>B Whitney P Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>J Kirkland, L Woodland</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>A Cameron, W Maker</i> |
| <i>WSAA Delegate</i> | <i>B Daly, W Maker</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>J Nelson, K Johnson, J Cox</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>B Whitney, B Murphy, B Fairlie, K Webb, M Bond,</i> |
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| 48th Annual Meeting 1997 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>H Hutchins</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Cameron B.E.M.</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>J Silva</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>S Cameron</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B Whitney</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>P Cavanagh</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>B Ryan</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>J Kirkland, P Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>J Kirkland</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Woodland</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>A Cameron, W Maker</i> |
| <i>WSAA Delegate</i> | <i>B Daly, J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>J Nelson, J Cox, B Murphy</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>P Reynolds, B Whitney, R Woods, P Rooney, K Webb, M Bond</i> |
| 16th Life Member L. Cavanagh | |
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| 49th Annual Meeting 1998 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Cameron B.E.M.</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | <i>J Silva</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>S Cameron</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>B Whitney (Res 19.3.99) A Longman (app 21.3.99)</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>A Longman (Res 21.3.99) C Stanford (app 21.3.99)</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>G Williams</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>J Kirkland, P Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>J Kirkland</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Woodland</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>W Maker</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, T Knight</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>A Cameron, W Maker</i> |
| <i>WSAA Delegate</i> | <i>W Maker, J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>J Silva, S Johnstone, W Maker</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>P Reynolds, B Whitney, R Woods, P Rooney, K Webb, M Bond, B Murphy, J Nelson</i> |
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| 50th Annual Meeting 1999 | |
| <i>Patron</i> | <i>W Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>President</i> | <i>A Cameron B.E.M.</i> |
| <i>Senior Vice President</i> | <i>J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Junior Vice Presidents</i> | |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>D Davey</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>S Cameron</i> |
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>C Stanford</i> |
| <i>Vice Captain</i> | <i>A Longman</i> |
| <i>Handicapper</i> | <i>B Whitney</i> |
| <i>Registrar</i> | <i>J Kirkland, P Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Race Secretary</i> | <i>J Kirkland</i> |
| <i>Asst Race Secretary</i> | <i>L Woodland</i> |
| <i>Social Secretary</i> | <i>P Catarinich</i> |
| <i>Publicity Officer</i> | <i>S Cameron</i> |
| <i>AIF Association Delegate</i> | <i>B Russell, A Cameron</i> |
| <i>Sports Council Delegates</i> | <i>A Cameron, D McPherson</i> |
| <i>WSAA Delegate</i> | <i>O Coulter, J Brownjohn</i> |
| <i>Hon. Auditor</i> | <i>D McPherson</i> |
| <i>Relay Committee</i> | <i>R Barry, A Longman, S Johnstone</i> |
| <i>Social Committee</i> | <i>R Barry, R Ginger, R Woods, P Rooney, B Murphy, B Whitney, J Nelson</i> |

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For when the one great scorer comes
to write against your name,
He marks not that you won or lost
but how you played the game.

“Grantland Rice”

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